

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 7009

John S. HENDRICKS et al.

Art Unit: 2421

Application No.: 09/237,827

Examiner: Jason P. Salce

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**AMENDMENT/RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: September 24, 2012

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated July 23, 2012, please amend the above-identified application as follow. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks/arguments** are presented on page 15.